Rs 9·16 lakhs has been made for final payment in the next year. The share payable by this Government towards the purchase of a Dredging Plant for the Harbour has been paid to the Harbour authorities and repayments in respect of the loan advanced last year have already begun with interest at 4 per cent. per annum.

46. *Assets and Liabilities.*— I furnish on pages 11 and 12 of the budget estimates the usual statements of assets and liabilities. The Government balance at the end of the next year is estimated at Rs 90·36 lakhs including the General Reserve Fund of Rs 60·55 lakhs, the Revenue Reserve Fund of Rs 12 lakhs and the Sinking Fund Reserve of Rs 15·79 lakhs. This includes the sum of Rs 184·38 lakhs representing the estimated expenditure on remunerative schemes shown under Debt Heads to the end of 1114. We have financed hitherto capital expenditure on schemes, both productive and non-productive, to the extent of Rs 3·75 crores. The Government five per cent. loan of 1091 has already been secured by investments in gilt-edged securities and the recent $3\frac{1}{2}$ per cent. loan and special loans are more than covered by the value of our remunerative assets. Our gilt-edged surplus investments amount to Rs 150·29 lakhs and our other liquid assets to more than Rs 100 lakhs.

47. *Ways and Means.*—Our surplus investments in Government of India Securities and short-term deposits in Banks which stood at Rs 196·09 lakhs at the beginning of the year are expected to stand at Rs 202·20 lakhs at the close of the year on account of further investments during the year in short-term deposits. Our closing cash balances at the end of the current year are estimated at Rs 52·16 lakhs.

With a view to finance the estimated programme of our capital schemes both productive and non-productive and to maintain adequate cash balance in our Treasuries and the Banks, it is proposed to credit the short-term deposits in Banks when they mature and also to withdraw Rs 25·44 lakhs next year from our surplus investments. The investment account which will be operated on to finance our programme, both productive and non-productive, and which will keep in view the maintenance of adequate balances in our Treasuries and in approved Banks, is estimated to stand at Rs 150·29 lakhs at the close of the next year. Our closing cash balance at the close of the ensuing year is expected to amount to Rs 40·97 lakhs. The general financial position of the State can, therefore, be asserted to be thoroughly sound and satisfactory.

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